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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 15-19 and 21-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 15-19 and 21-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 15.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-13, 15-19 and 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dunworth et al. (Patent # 5,930,474)

Regarding claims 1, 7, 15, Dunworth et al. teaches the claimed invention of searching information through a network as shown in fig 4.

Connecting to one of plurality of server and receiving geographical map that is displayed on user screen is described in col. 8, lines 51-59.

entering search criteria to locate HTML document based on a geographic position is described in col. 10, lines 44-46.

Receiving the search result indicating the HTML is described in col. 10, lines 47-52.

Since the user is connected through Internet as described in col. 10, lines 59-65, it is inherent that the HTML document is accessible by different servers.

Dunworth et al. teaches the claimed invention of HTML including geographic position information in a metatag as described in col. 12, lines 59-67.

Dunworth et al. teaches the claimed invention of reverse position information to determine the geographic position of the client as described in col. 7, lines 39-51, wherein a special software is loaded to determine user's geographic location that is equivalent to claimed reverse-position information.

Searching the index database is described in col. 9, lines 28-35.

Regarding claims 2, 3, 8, 16, Dunworth et al. teaches the method of generating HTML pages in response to user's query and transmitting it to user as described in col. 12, lines 65-col. 13, lines 6. It is inherent that the results are selected by user and the page is downloaded by browser.

Regarding claims 4, 17, Dunworth et al. teaches the claimed invention of browsing the WWW as shown in fig 4, element 355.

Regarding claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 18, 19, Dunworth et al. teaches the claimed invention of HTML document including geographic position information and geographic name as described in col. 12, lines 59-65.

Regarding Claim 9, Dunworth et al. teaches the claimed invention of searching based on map coordinates as described above that is equivalent to searching in accordance with latitudes and longitudes since it is inherent the geographical maps are based on latitudes and longitudes such as various cities, countries and continents.

Regarding claim 12, Dunworth et al. teaches the claimed invention of searching an index is shown in fig 10, and web pages names is shown in fig 18.

Regarding claim 13, Dunworth et al. teaches the icons as shown in fig 9, element 920.

Regarding claims 21, 22 and 23, Dunworth et al. teaches the claimed invention of geography database with geographic coordinates and map reference and geographic names as described in col. 18, lines 60-col. 19, lines 63.

Regarding claim 24, Dunworth et al. teaches the claimed invention of reverse position information to determine the geographic position of the client as described in col. 7, lines 39-51, wherein a special software is loaded to determine user's geographic location that is equivalent to claimed reverse-position information.

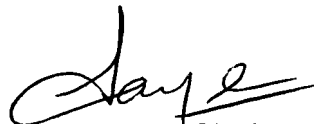
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanjiv D. Shah whose telephone number is (703) 305-8355. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph H Feild can be reached on (703) 305-9792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7239.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.



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